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# FOREWORD

This report supersedes Air Materiel Command Memorandum Report MCREXA5-4595-8-2, "A Method for Predicting Dynamic Landing Loads", prepared by Lee S. Wasserman under date of 20 February 1948. The purpose of re-writing this report is to expand and revise details, to present an additional derivation of the theory and to present a new computation form.

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# ABSTRACT

This report supersedes Memorandum Report MCREXA5-4595-8-2, "A Method for Predicting Dynamic Landing Loads", 20 February 1948. The purpose of rewriting is to correct minor errors and make several refinements.

Dynamic responses may be computed as the sum of the rigid body response and the vibratory responses in each normal mode. The rigid body response is determined first from basic airplane parameters and in this report is assumed trapezoidal in shape. This trapezoid is then applied to the equation of motion of the elastic system to determine the vibratory response.

The vibratory response of an elastic system to a trapezoidal forcing function can be computed algebraically or graphically. The algebraic computation method is motivated by two distinct principles; discontinuity and superposition; and the graphical computation method is motivated by the superposition principle. New computation forms are provided for both the algebraic and the graphical methods.

Three particular problems are solved to compare theoretical and measured results, to serve as a computation guide and to illustrate the flexibility of the approach. In the first problem the effect of varying basic parameters is discussed with a flow chart.

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# INTRODUCTION

The evolution of vastly stepped up performance of airplanes has placed increased importance on designing structures to close tolerances to minimize weight penalties. The problem of predicting and analyzing dynamic landing loads provides a fertile field for replacing empirical criteria by rational computations.

This report presents an acceptable method for the computation of dynamic landing loads. The basic assumption of a trapezoidal shape for the rigid body loads was suggested by Mr. Lee Wasserman. This assumption is in agreement with test results. Fortunately it is also simple to handle as a forcing function for the differential equation of motion of the vibratory system.

The present paper supersedes MCREXA5-4595-8-2, same title, dated 20 February 1948. The object of this revision is to:

1. Correct the following errors in the examples:

Page in MCREXA5-4595-8-2	Reads	Should Read
13, 26 and 33, column 10	$\frac{9-4}{\omega_n}$	9 + 4 w n
33, column 12, row "A" to "B"	<b>∞</b>	-00

These errors had little effect on the final results.

- 2. Expand and revise the details of the original theory for easier reading.
- 3. Provide an additional derivation of the acceleration response to a trapezoidal forcing function.
- 4. Present a new self-contained computation form which eliminates a significant amount of superfluous arithmetic.
- 5. Present a flow-chart analysis of the basic parameters in the first example. The effect of changing basic parameters is shown to be intricate but predictable.

In the examples of Sections III through V experimental data were used to determine fuselage and landing gear frequencies and the relevant modes of vibration. For other aircraft experimental values of frequencies may not be available. The computation of fuselage frequencies presents no problem (see Section IV); but the computation of landing gear frequencies requires further investigation.

If it is not known which natural vibration modes are relevant, calculations may be necessary beginning with the mode of lowest frequency and continuing until the computed responses are no longer significant. Reference 9 discusses the difficult question of selecting relevant modes.

### SECTION I

# BASIC THEORY

- l. It is assumed that at the moment of landing wing lift exactly counterbalances the weight of the airplane, so that the vertical velocity is constant. Consequently the response is due entirely to dissipation of kinetic energy at impact and may be considered in two stages:
  - a. Rigid body response of the whole structure.
- b. Vibratory response within the structure in each normal mode.
  - 2. Energy equilibrium conditions must be satisfied:
- a. For the structure as a whole (determining rigid body response) i.e., Kinetic Energy = Potential Energy.
- b. For each particle of mass (determining vibratory response) i.e., Inertial Work Elastic Work = External Work.
- 3. a. The rigid body response is determined from the equilibrium conditions for the structure as a whole. Briefly, the kinetic energy at impact is determined from the rate of descent and gross weight. But this is equal to the potential energy of the tire and strut work. The tire deflection vs load curves determine the tire work, and the strut work is determined assuming isothermal expansion and quasi-adiabatic compression.

Assuming a trapezoidal shape for rigid body load, the time history is now easy to evaluate. For further detail of this method see Reference 3.

b. The vibratory response in each mode is determined by the local equilibrium conditions:

 $\sum$  Inertia work -  $\sum$  elastic work =  $\sum$  external work (1)

In particular, let the entire mass be represented by a finite number of elements  $m_i$  (e.g. gear, body, tail, wing, etc.) each located at a point in space. Then the vertical displacement and acceleration of the element  $m_i$  in each mode depend on the element's location and can be written  $c_i x$  and  $c_i \ddot{x}$  respectively, where  $c_i$  is a constant determined by the position and mode.

Now consider incremental displacements c; ax of the elements m; caused by external forces fif(t) where f(t) is the time history of the external forcing function with unit amplitude. Temporarily neglecting damping:

Force x Distance = Work

Inertia: 
$$M_i C_i \ddot{X} \times C_i dX = (M_i C_i \ddot{X})(C_i dX)$$

Elastic:  $K_i C_i X \times C_i dX = (K_i C_i X)(C_i dX)$ 

External:  $f_i F(t) \times C_i dX = (f_i \cdot F(t)(C_i dX))$ 

And so equation (1) can be written:

$$\xi(m_i c_i^2 \ddot{x})(dx) - \xi(K_i c_i^2 x)(dx) = \xi(f_i c_i) dx \cdot F(f) \qquad (2-a)$$

or

$$(\Sigma m_i c_i^2) \dot{x} - (\Sigma K_i c_i^2) x = (\Sigma f_i c_i) \cdot F(t)$$
 (2-b)

It will now be shown that  $\sum K_i c_i^2 - \omega^2 \sum m_i c_i^2$ . For in the particular case F(t)=0:  $(\sum m_i c_i^2) \dot{x} = (\sum K_i c_i^2) x$ and there is simple harmonic motion so that:  $\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$  is the mode frequency. Thus  $-\omega^2 (\sum m_i c_i^2) = \sum K_i c_i^2$ where w Substituting

$$(\sum m_i c_i^2) \ddot{x} + (\sum m_i c_i^2) \omega^2 x = (\sum f_i c_i) \cdot F(t) \qquad (2-c)$$

or 
$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = \frac{\sum f_i c_i}{\sum m_i c_i^2} F(t)$$
 (2-d)

4. The effect of structural damping can be approximated using a dimensionless "damping coefficient" 3 acting on the displacement so that:

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 (1 + \bar{g}j) X = \frac{\sum f_i c_i}{\sum m_i c_i^2} F(t)$$
 (3)

It is this equation (3) which gives the vibratory acceleration response  $\ddot{x}$  . In this report  $\ddot{q}$  is rather arbitrarily assumed to be .10.

5. It is sometimes convenient to by-pass the (constant) coefficient of F(t) by defining:

GAF = Generalized Acceleration factor = 
$$\frac{\text{Generalized force}}{\text{Generalized mass}}$$
 (4)

(In "g" units.)

 $\frac{\sum F_i C_i}{\sum f_i C_i}$ 

$$= \frac{\sum f_i c_i}{\sum m_i c_i^2}$$

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- 6. This equation (3) can be solved separately for each normal mode because of the original assumption that normal modes do not feed energy to each other or to the rigid body modes. The assumption is validated by the excitation of reasonably pure natural modes during ground vibration tests.
- 7. The next problem is to determine which normal modes are important. (See Reference 9 for further discussion.) The experience of AMC dynamic tests shows that only the first few modes are important unless there is appreciable coupling between landing gear fore and aft vibrations and higher structural modes.
  - 8. An outline of the computational procedure:
- Step I: Compute rigid body vertical load time history from basic airplane parameters.
- Step II: Compute rigid body drag load time history if appropriate. Assume (empirically) the coefficient of friction is .55 until the wheel gets up to speed, after which the rigid body drag load falls to zero in one-quarter the spinup time.
- Step III: Determine which modes of vibration are important. Experimental data of frequencies will be used if available. If data is not available equations of motion of the structure can be used, but care is required in selecting the appropriate degrees of freedom.
  - Step IV: Compute generalized acceleration factor if appropriate.
- Step V: Compute vibratory response in each mode. The theory for this computation is discussed in Section II.
- Step VI: Obtain the time history of total acceleration or structural force by appropriate combination of rigid and vibratory components. Notice that the trapezoid considered as rigid body component may have a different ordinate from the trapezoid considered as forcing function for vibrations.

### SECTION II

# DERIVATION OF THE ACCELERATION RESPONSE TO A TRAPEZOIDAL FORCING FUNCTION (Solution of Equation (3))

# 1. Given forcing function \*

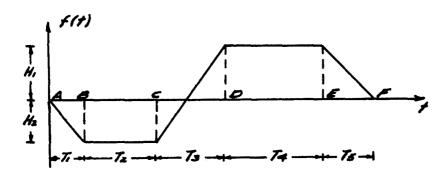


Fig. 1. Generalized Trapezoidal Forcing Function

2. It is required to determine explicitly the vibratory acceleration response for each interval AB, BC....In symbols, find  $\ddot{x}$  explicitly where  $\ddot{x}$  for each interval is given implicitly by:

$$\ddot{X} + \omega^2 (I + \bar{g}_j) X = f(T) \tag{5}$$

with T defined as follows:

AB: 
$$T = t$$
 and  $0 \le t \le T$ ,

BC:  $T = t - T$ ,  $= t'$   $0 \le t' \le T_2$ 

CD:  $T = t - (T, + T_2) = t''$   $0 \le t'' \le T_3$  (6)

DE:  $T = t - (T, + T_2 + T_3) = t'''$   $0 \le t''' \le T_4$ 

EF:  $T = t - (T, + T_2 + T_3 + T_4) = t''''$   $0 \le t'''' \le T_5$ 
 $\longrightarrow F$ :  $T = t - (T, + T_2 + T_3 + T_4 + T_5) = t'''''$   $0 \le t'''''$ 

<sup>\*</sup> The function has been sketched in sufficiently general terms to satisfy all common problems. In some cases, e.g., M=0 and  $H_2=GAF$  (pos. or neg.).

3. It is apparent \* that (5) has an explicit solution of the form:

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\bar{g}\omega T/2} \left[ a \sin \omega T + b \cos \omega T \right] \tag{7}$$

For example in AB the initial conditions at  $\vec{T}=0$  are  $\vec{x}=0$  and  $\vec{x}=f'(t)$ Then:  $\vec{x}=\frac{f'(t)}{(t)}e^{-g\omega t/2}\sin \omega t$  (8)

The problem is thus solved in the interval AB.

- 4. To get the solution in each successive interval two approaches may be taken:
- a. Discontinuity Derivation: Evaluate the constants and in (7) by applying the initial conditions.
- b. Superposition Derivation: Resolve trapezoid into the sum of straight lines all of which emanate from points on the t-axis.

Each of these approaches will now be demonstrated. Of course they must lead to identical results.

# Discontinuity Method (Paragraphs 5-9)

- 5. It is required to determine the constants a and b in (7) in each interval from the initial conditions  $\ddot{x}_0$  and  $\ddot{x}_0$ . (The values of  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{x}$  when T=0.)
- 6. The solution in AB, according to paragraph 3, is (8). Thus the value of  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{x}$  will be known at the end of AB. Similarly once the interval BC is solved,  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{x}$  will be known at the end of BC. So if each interval is solved in turn it is fair to assume in all cases that  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{x}$  are known at the end of the previous interval.

$$\frac{d^2}{dT^2}\ddot{X} + \omega^2(I + \bar{g}j)\ddot{X} = 0$$

since f(T) is always linear in T so that  $\frac{d^2}{dT^2}$  f(T)=0

This is a standard homogeneous equation in  $\ddot{X}$  with the general solution: (approximate)

<sup>\*</sup> For since  $\ddot{x} + \omega^2(I + \bar{g}_I)x = f(I)$  is to be solved for  $\ddot{x}$  (not x), in present form it is an integral equation (involving x which is  $\int \ddot{x}$ ). To get a differential equation in  $\ddot{x}$  differentiate (5) twice with respect to I to get

7. According to paragraphs 5 and 6, it will be sufficient to evolve  $\ddot{x}_0$  and  $\ddot{x}_0$  from  $\ddot{x}_0$  and  $\ddot{x}_0$  (where "e" denotes evaluation at the end of the previous interval). Since  $\ddot{x}$  is continuous from one interval to the next,

$$\ddot{x}_o = \ddot{x}_e$$
 (9)

is <u>not</u> continuous, so that  $\ddot{X}_0 \neq \ddot{X}_e$ But X

So a gimmick will be introduced to evaluate  $\ddot{\mathcal{K}}_{\sigma}$ . Basically, we transport the <u>discontinuous</u> variable  $\ddot{\mathcal{X}}$  through the medium of the continuous variable X

First consider equation (5) when differentiated once:

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 (1 + \bar{q}_i) \dot{x} = f'(T) \tag{10}$$

Evaluating (10) at T.O

$$\ddot{X}_0 = f_R - \omega^2 (1 + \bar{g}_j) \dot{X}_0 \tag{11}$$

From continuity, 
$$\dot{\chi}_0 = \dot{\chi}_{\sigma}$$
 (12)

So evaluating (10) at the end of the previous interval:

$$\omega^{2}(1+\bar{q}j)\dot{X}e - fe' - \ddot{X}e \qquad (13)$$

or, from (12): 
$$\omega^2 (1+\bar{q}j) \dot{X}_0 = f'_{\theta} - \ddot{X}_{\theta}$$
 (14)

Finally, from (11) and (14),

$$\ddot{x}_{o} = \ddot{x}_{e} + \left[f_{R}^{'} - f_{e}^{'}\right] \tag{15}$$

8. Solving (7) and its derivative at T=0, and applying (9) and (15), the constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  can be determined:

$$\ddot{X}_{0} = b$$

$$\ddot{X}_{0} = aw - \frac{3}{2} \frac{wb}{2}$$

$$6$$

$$a = \frac{\ddot{X}_{0} + f_{R} - f_{0}}{w} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\ddot{X}_{0}}{2}$$

$$b = \ddot{X}_{0}$$

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9. In particular, the solution in each interval is:

a. In AB:

$$\ddot{X} = \frac{H_2}{\omega T_i} e^{-\bar{g}\omega t/2} \sin \omega t \qquad (18)$$

at B:

$$\ddot{X}_{B} = \frac{H_{2}}{\omega T_{i}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_{i}/2} \sin \omega T_{i}$$
 (19)

$$\ddot{X}_{B} = \frac{H_{2}e^{-\bar{g}\omega T_{i}/2}}{T_{i}} \left[\cos \omega T_{i} - \frac{\bar{g}}{2} \sin \omega T_{i}\right] (20)$$

b. In BC:

$$\ddot{X}_{0} = \ddot{X}_{B}$$
  $\ddot{X}_{0} = \ddot{X}_{C} - \frac{H_{2}}{T_{c}}$  (21)

So from (17)

$$q = \frac{H_2 e^{-\bar{g}\omega T_1/2}}{\omega T_1} \left[ \cos \omega T_1 - \frac{\bar{g}}{2} \sin \omega T_1 \right] - \frac{H_2}{\omega T_1} + \frac{\bar{g}H_2 e^{-\bar{g}\omega T_1/2}}{2\omega T_1} \sin \omega T_1$$

$$q = \frac{H_2 e^{-\frac{\pi}{2} \omega T_1/2}}{\omega T_1} \cos \omega T_1 - \frac{H_2}{\omega T_1}$$
 (22)

So that (7) becomes:

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega t/2} \left[ \frac{H_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_1/2}}{\omega T_1} \cos \omega T_1 - \frac{H_2}{\omega T_1} \sin \omega t + \ddot{X}_0 \cos \omega t \right] (23)$$

This may be rewritten:

$$\ddot{x} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega t/2} \sqrt{\ddot{x}_0^2 + R_i^2} \sin(\omega t' + \phi_i)$$
 (24)

where

$$\begin{cases} R_{i} = \frac{H_{2}e^{-\frac{1}{9}\omega T_{i}/2}}{\omega T_{i}} \cos \omega T_{i} - \frac{H_{2}}{\omega T_{i}} \\ \Phi_{i} = arc \ tan \ \frac{\ddot{x}e}{R_{i}} \end{cases}$$
(25)

Note: The choice of the correct quadrant for  $\phi$  is crucial. The quadrant must be selected so that:

$$\begin{cases} 5 & i \neq 0 \\ \cos \phi_i \end{cases} \text{ has the algebraic sign of } \begin{cases} \ddot{x}_{8} \\ R_i \end{cases}$$
i.e.:  $5 & i \neq 0$ , has the algebraic sign of  $\ddot{x}_{8}$  and  $\cos \phi_i$  has the algebraic sign of  $\ddot{x}_{8}$ 

Finally at C:

$$\ddot{X}_{c} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega \frac{T_{c}/2}{2}} \sqrt{\ddot{X}_{B}^{2} + R_{i}^{2}} \sin(\omega T_{2} + \phi_{i})$$

$$\ddot{X}_{c} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega \frac{T_{c}/2}{2}} \sqrt{\ddot{X}_{B}^{2} + R_{i}^{2}} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{2}\omega \sin(\omega T_{2} + \phi_{i}) + \omega \cos(\omega T_{2} + \phi_{i}) \right] (28)$$

c. In CD: 
$$\ddot{X}_o = \ddot{X}_c$$

$$\ddot{X}_o = \ddot{X}_c + \underline{H_i - H_2}$$
from (15)
$$(29)$$

So from (17)

$$Q = \frac{H_1 - H_2}{\omega I_3} + e^{-\frac{\pi}{3}\omega I_2/2} \sqrt{\ddot{X}_0^2 + R_1^2} \cos(\omega I_2 + \Phi_1)$$
 (30)

And (after simplification):

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\bar{g}\omega t^2/2} / \ddot{X}_c^2 + R_z^2 \sin(\omega t'' + \phi_z)$$
 (31)

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where 
$$\begin{cases} R_2 = \frac{H_1 - H_2}{\omega T_3} + e^{-\frac{\pi}{3}\omega T_3/2} / \frac{\pi^2}{X_0^2} + R_1^2 \cos(\omega T_2 + \phi_1) \\ \phi_2 = arc \ ton \ \frac{\ddot{X}_0}{R_2} \end{cases}$$
(32)

Note:  $\phi_2$  must be determined as follows:

(a) Quadrant: 
$$\begin{cases} s/n \neq_2 \\ cos \neq_2 \end{cases}$$
 has the algebraic sign of 
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{X}c \\ R_2 \end{cases}$$
 (33)

Finally

$$\ddot{X}_{0} = \theta^{-\frac{3\omega}{3}/2} \int_{X_{0}}^{\pi^{2}} \frac{1}{R_{0}^{2}} \sin(\omega T_{3} + \phi_{2})$$
 (34)

d. In DE the process is similar, resulting in:

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\bar{g}\omega t''/2} / \ddot{X}_0^2 + R_3^2 \sin(\omega t''' + \phi_3)$$
 (35)

where: 
$$\begin{cases} R_3 = e^{-\frac{\pi}{3}\omega T_3/2} / \frac{\pi^2}{X_c^2} + R_2^2 \cos(\omega T_3 + \Phi_2) - \frac{H_1 - H_2}{\omega T_3} \\ \Phi_2 = arc \tan \frac{x_0}{R_3} \end{cases}$$
(36)

Note: # must be determined as follows:

(a) Quadrant: 
$$\begin{cases} s / n \neq_3 \\ cos \neq_3 \end{cases}$$
 Has the algebraic sign of 
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{x}_0 \\ R_3 \end{cases}$$
 (37)

(b) Angle: 
$$tan \phi_3 = \frac{\ddot{\chi_0}}{R_3}$$

and

$$\ddot{X}_{E} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_{4}/2} / \ddot{X}_{0} + R_{3}^{2} \sin(\omega T_{4} + \phi_{3})$$
 (38)

e. And in EF:

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\bar{g}\omega t'''/2} / \ddot{X}_{e}^{2} + R_{4}^{2'} \sin(\omega t''' + \phi_{4})$$
 (39)

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where 
$$\begin{cases} R_4 = \frac{-H_1}{\omega T_8} + e^{-g\omega T_4/2} \int_{X_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{R_3} \cos(\omega T_4 + \Phi_3) \\ \Phi_4 = arc \tan \frac{X_E}{R_4} \end{cases}$$
(40)

Note: #must be determined as follows:

(a) Quadrant: 
$$\begin{cases} \sin \phi_4 \\ \cos \phi_4 \end{cases}$$
 has the algebraic sign of 
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{\chi}_E \\ R_4 \end{cases}$$
 (41)

and 
$$\ddot{X}_{F} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_{5}/2} / \ddot{X}_{E} + R_{4}^{2} \sin(\omega T_{5} + \Phi_{4})$$
(42)

As stated in paragraph 4, the derivation of paragraphs 5-9 could be replaced by paragraphs 10-13.

# Superposition Method (Paragraphs 10-13)

10. According to paragraph 3, it is easy to find the response to any straight line emanating from the time axis. The forcing function of figure 1 can be resolved into such lines:

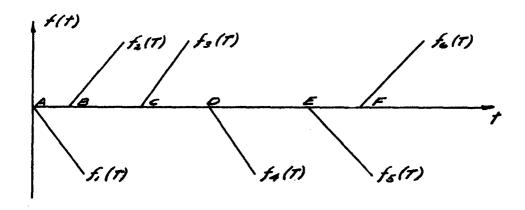


Fig. 2. Linear Decomposition of the Trapezoidal Forcing Function of Figure 1

$$f_{i}'(T) \quad \text{is} \quad \frac{H_{2}}{T_{i}}$$

$$f_{2}'(T) \quad \frac{-H_{2}}{T_{i}}$$

$$f_{3}'(T) \quad \frac{H_{i}-H_{2}}{T_{3}} \quad (43)$$

$$f_{4}'(T) \quad \frac{H_{i}-H_{2}}{T_{3}}$$

$$f_{5}'(T) \quad \frac{H_{i}}{T_{5}}$$

11. Then, according to paragraph 3, the response to

$$f_{i}(T)$$
 is  $\ddot{X}_{i} = \frac{Hz}{\omega T_{i}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_{i}} \sin \omega t$   $t \ge 0$ 

12. But since  $f = f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4 + f_5 + f_6$  (45) The response to f(f) must be the sum of the responses to  $f_1, f_2$  etc.

# 13. That is:

a. In AB:
$$\ddot{X} = \frac{Hz}{\omega I_i} e^{-\frac{i}{2}\omega t/2} \sin \omega t \qquad (46)$$

and 
$$\ddot{X}_a = \frac{H_2}{T} e^{-\bar{g}_W T_i/2} \sin \omega T_i$$
 (47)

b. In BC:  $\ddot{X} \cdot \ddot{X}$ ,  $+ \ddot{X}_2$ 

$$\ddot{X} = \frac{Hz}{\omega T} e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega t/2} \sin \omega t - \frac{Hz}{\omega T} e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega t/2} \sin \omega t' (48)$$

But since \*= \* + 7,

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega t/2} \int_{\omega t_1}^{\omega t_2} \frac{H_2}{\omega t_1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega t_1/2} \sin \omega (t'+T_1) - \frac{H_2}{\omega t_1} \sin \omega t' \int_{\omega t_1}^{\omega t_2} (49)$$

Expanding and collecting:

$$\ddot{x} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega t/2} \left( \frac{Hz}{\omega t_i} e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega t_i/2} \cos \omega t_i - \frac{Hz}{\omega t_i} \right) \sin \omega t'$$
and finally: 
$$\left( \frac{Hz}{\omega t_i} e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega t_i/2} \sin \omega t_i \right) \cos \omega t'$$

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\bar{g}\omega t/2} / \ddot{\ddot{X}} + R_i^2 \sin(\omega t' + \phi_i)$$
 (51)

where

$$\begin{cases} R_1 = \frac{H^2}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_1/2} \cos \omega T_1 - \frac{H^2}{2\omega T_1} \\ \psi T_1 & \omega T_1 \end{cases}$$

$$(52)$$

$$\phi_1 = \arctan \frac{\ddot{X}\theta}{R_1}$$

Note: \$\,\text{must} be determined as follows:

(b) Angle: 
$$fan \phi_i = \frac{\ddot{\chi}_{\theta}}{R_i}$$

And

$$\ddot{X}_{c} = e^{-\bar{g}\omega^{T_{c}/2}} / \ddot{\ddot{X}_{e}^{2} + R_{c}^{2}} \sin(\omega T_{c} + \phi_{c})$$
 (54)

$$\ddot{X} = \ddot{X}_1 + \ddot{X}_2 + \ddot{X}_3 = (\ddot{X}_1 + \ddot{X}_2) + \ddot{X}_3 \tag{55}$$

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\bar{g}\omega t'/2} \sqrt{\ddot{x}_{B}^{2} + R_{1}^{2}} \sin(\omega t' + \phi_{1}) + \frac{H_{1} - H_{2}}{\omega I_{3}} e^{-\bar{g}\omega t''_{2}} \sin(\omega t') + \frac{1}{2} \sin(\omega$$

But since f'=f''+7z

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega t^{2}/2} \left[ \left( e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega t^{2}/2} \int_{X_{0}}^{X_{0}^{2}} + R_{1}^{2} \cos[\omega t_{2} + \phi_{1}] + \frac{H_{1} - H_{2}}{\omega t_{3}} \sin\omega t^{*}_{(58)} \right] \right]$$

where

$$\begin{cases} R_{2} = e^{-\frac{2}{3}\omega^{T_{2}/2}} \sqrt{\frac{x^{2}}{X_{B}} + R_{i}^{2}} \cos(\omega T_{2} + \phi_{i}) + \frac{H_{i} - H_{2}}{\omega T_{3}} \\ \phi_{2} = arc \ tan \ \frac{\ddot{X}_{C}}{R_{2}} \end{cases}$$
(60)

Note: 6 must be determined as follows:

(a) Quadrant: 
$$\begin{cases} \sin \phi_2 \\ \cos \phi_2 \end{cases}$$
 has the algebraic sign of 
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{X}_c \\ R_2 \end{cases}$$
 (61)

(b) Angle: 
$$fan \phi_2 = \frac{\ddot{X}c}{R_2}$$

and

$$\ddot{X}_{0} = e^{-\tilde{g}\omega T_{3}/2} / \ddot{\tilde{\chi}_{c}^{2} + R_{2}^{2}} \sin(\omega T_{3} + \Phi_{2})$$
 (62)

d. In DE:  $\ddot{X} = (\ddot{X}_1 + \ddot{X}_2 + \ddot{X}_3) + \ddot{X}_4$ 

by the same process as before:

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}\omega t} / 2 \sqrt{\ddot{x}_0^2 + R_0^2} \sin(\omega t''' + \phi_0)$$
 (65)

where 
$$R_3 = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_3/2} \int_{X_c}^{\pi^2} + R_2^{\pi^2} \cos(\omega T_3 + \phi_2) - \frac{H_1 - H_2}{\omega T_3}$$
  
 $\phi_3 = arc \ tan \ \frac{\ddot{X}o}{R_3}$  (66)

Note: \* must be determined as follows:

(a) Quadrant: 
$$\begin{cases} \sin \phi_3 \\ \cos \phi_3 \end{cases} \text{ has the algebraic sign of } \begin{cases} \ddot{X}_D \\ R_3 \end{cases}$$
 (67)

(b) Angle: 
$$tan \neq_3 = \frac{\ddot{x}o}{R_3}$$

and

$$\ddot{X}_{E} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_{4}/2} \int_{X_{0}}^{X_{0}^{2}} + R_{3}^{2} \sin(\omega T_{4} + \Phi_{3})$$
 (68)

e. In EF,

$$\ddot{X} = (\ddot{X}_1 + \ddot{X}_2 + \ddot{X}_3 + \ddot{X}_4) + \ddot{X}_5$$
 (69)

Again since 
$$f''' = f'''' + T_4$$

$$\ddot{X} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega f''''/2} / \ddot{X}_{e}^{\frac{1}{2}} + R_4^{\frac{1}{2}} sin(\omega f'''' + \Phi_4)$$
(71)

Where
$$\begin{cases}
R_4 = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega T_4/2} \left( \frac{x_2}{x_0} + R_3^{2'} \cos(\omega T_4 + \phi_3) - \frac{H_1}{\omega T_5} \right) \\
\phi_4 = orc \tan \frac{x_4}{R_4}
\end{cases} (72)$$

Note:  $\phi_4$  must be determined as follows:

(a) Quadrant: 
$$\begin{cases} 3in \neq 4 \\ \cos \neq 4 \end{cases}$$
 has the algebraic sign of 
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{X}E \\ RA \end{cases}$$
 (73)

(b) Angle: 
$$ton \neq 4 = \frac{\ddot{x}_E}{Ra}$$

The results of paragraph 13 (that is,  $\ddot{x}$  in each interval and at the end of each interval) are identical with the results of paragraph 9. From these the zeros, peaks and discontinuities of the acceleration response are easily found and plotted. A self-explanatory form for the cumbersome computations will be used in Sections III - V.

# SECTION III

# VERTICAL INCREMENTAL ACCELERATION OF THE WING TIP OF AN F-80A AIRPLANE WITH FULL WING TIP TANKS

This problem uses the parameters of landing 2, flight 37, of the AMC F-80A tests reported in reference 4.

Comparisons (but not computations) are also shown for the cases of half-empty (landing 30-1) and empty (landing 28-2) tanks in Figure 3.

These particular landings were selected because their values of the rigid body incremental acceleration correlated better than any others with the theoretical

PMAX & Airplane Weight

# Step I. Vertical Load Time History:

1. Basic airplane data:

Gross weight = 14,000 lbs

Vo = Rate of descent = 6 ft/sec (assumed)

M = Mass per main gear = 217 slugs (2 wheel landing)

W = Static load per main gear = 6250 lbs (3 point position)

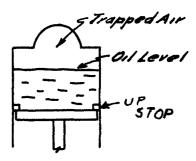
KE = Kinetic energy per main gear = 3906 ft-1bs (2 wheel landing)

= Natural frequency of wing = 16.75 rad/sec

2. Basic oleo data:

= Total extension plus latent air column\* = (7.95 + 2.00) in. = .8292 ft

Latent air column = trapped air volume piston cross section area



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= Static extension plus latent air column =
(3.00 + 2.00) in. = .4167 ft.

Assuming isothermal expansion from static to fully extended position, the "load factor" at total extension is:

$$n = \frac{E_5}{E_7} = 0.5025$$
 (74)

Then assuming quasi-adiabatic compression from the fully extended position during impact, the extension at any load factor is:

$$E_{n} = \frac{E_{T}}{\left(\frac{n}{n_{T}}\right)^{\frac{1}{T}}} = E_{T} \left(\frac{n_{T}}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{T}} \tag{75}$$

where p = 1 = 10ad/6250 lbs and Y = 1.3 (from reference 8).

3. Basic tire data: (Manufacturer's data) Incremental Tire Work = Tire Deflection Tire Work \* Load (Lbs) (Ft) (Ft-Lbs) 73 302 2500 .058 6500 .125 9000 318 Total work: .40 1.04 1.44 .3490 4831

<sup>\*(3) = (</sup>average value of load during increment) (deflection in increment); Approximating the area under the tire curve by trapezoids.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The load is not yet sufficient to compress the strut.

5. Tire deflection, oleo deflection and load when kinetic energy per gear = total work:

	Total Work (Ft-Lbs)	Load (Lbs)	Tire Deflections (Ft)	Oleo Deflection (Ft)
	2684	6500	.125	<b>-</b> 355
KE	= 3906 PMA.	<sub>*</sub> =7923	$X_r = .148$	<b>X</b> 。 = .415
	4831	9000	.166	.460

6. The time for tire compression  $\mathcal{T}_{\tau}$  oleo compression  $\mathcal{T}_{\sigma}$  and tire-oleo expansion  $\mathcal{T}_{\sigma\tau}$  are determined from the formulas of reference 3, assuming a trapezoidal time history for the strut axial load:

$$T_T = 3 \left( \frac{MV_0}{P_{MAX}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{(6MV_0)^2 - 24MR_T}{P_{MAX}}} = 0.025 sec. (76)$$

$$T_0 = \frac{2MX_0}{P_{MAX}} = 0.151 SEC.$$
 (77)

$$Tot = \sqrt{\frac{3M(X_0 + X_T)}{PMAX}} = 0.21556C.$$
 (78)

# Step II. Drag Load Time History:

The drag load is not used since fore and aft forces do not put appreciable energy into the first uncoupled bending mode.

# Step III: Important Modes:

Since this example involves the vertical acceleration at the elastic axis, the torsional mode of the wing is expected to have little effect. But if the dynamic torque were to be predicted the torsional mode and the torque caused by the drag load would be considered.

# Step IV: Generalized Acceleration Factor for Vibratory Response:

Reference 4 gives the computed frequencies and mode shapes for the first bending mode for full tanks, half full tanks, and empty tanks. GAF (per "g" load at gear) = \frac{Which}{2} (g units)

Where:

w = static load per wheel, assuming all loads taken by
the main gear

has = vertical deflection of wing at gear vertical deflection of wing tip (first bending mode)

dm; = mass of wing element at station "i" (slugs)

h; = vertical deflection of wing at station "i" vertical deflection of wing tip (first bending mode)

The results per "g" landing load: GA. = -1.03 (full)

= -1.06 (half-full)

= -1.15 (empty)

# Step V. Vibratory Acceleration Response:

- 1. Table 1-a computes the vibratory response by the desk-calculator method. The form is designed to make the cumbersome computations as mechanical and well-grouped as possible. It is meant to be self-explanatory after following the theory in Section II.
- 2. Table 1-b computes the vibratory response by the graphical method.

# Step VI. Total Acceleration Time History:

Figure 3 shows the total tip acceleration as the sum of the rigid body and vibratory accelerations. The results for half-full and empty wing tip tanks are also shown.

The measured and computed results agree well for full tanks, but for empty tanks additional modes should probably be included in the computations.

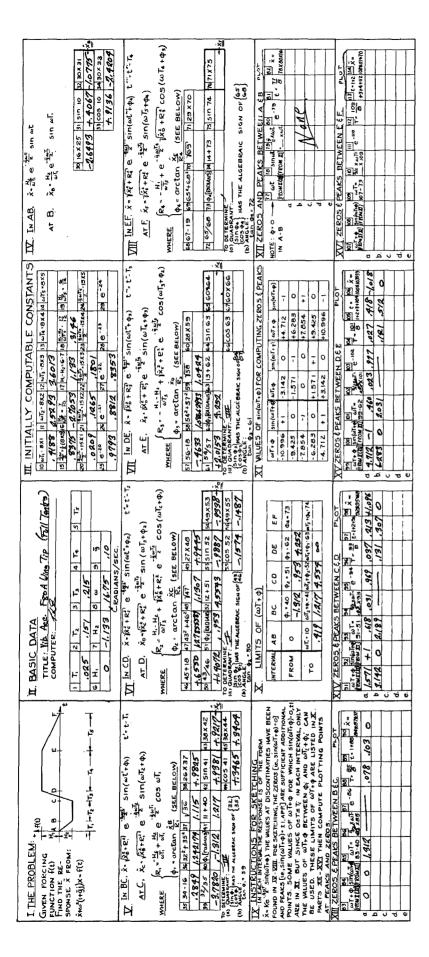
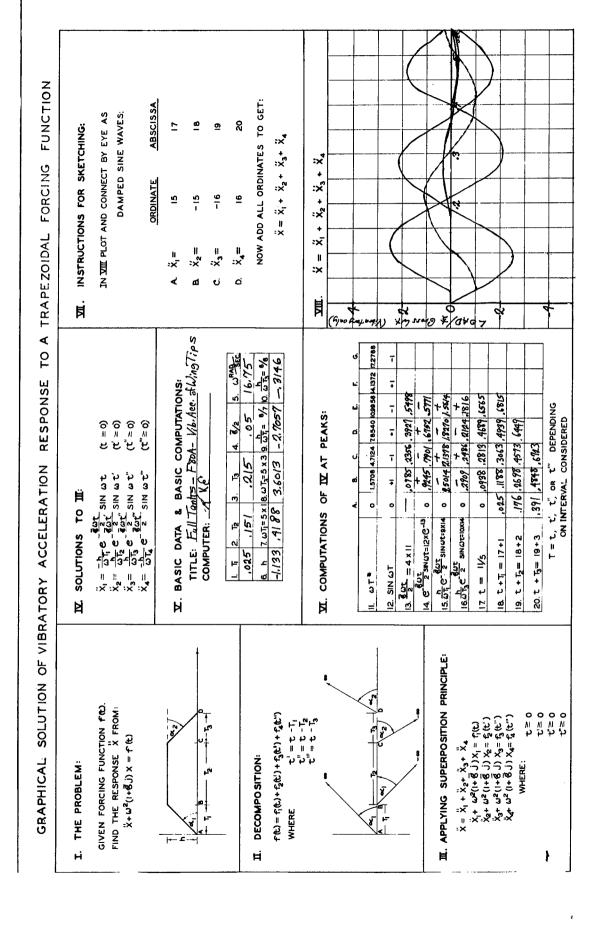
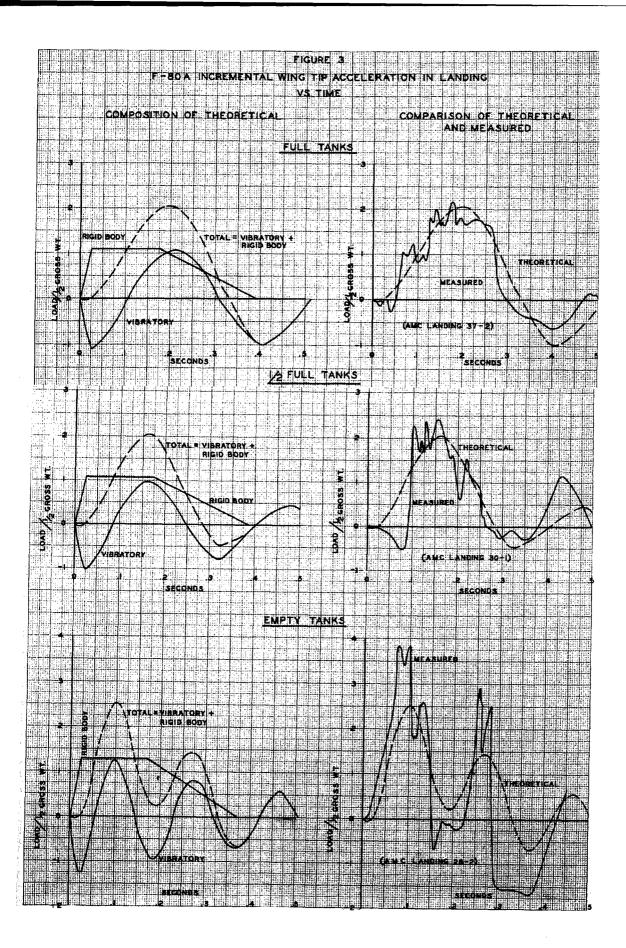


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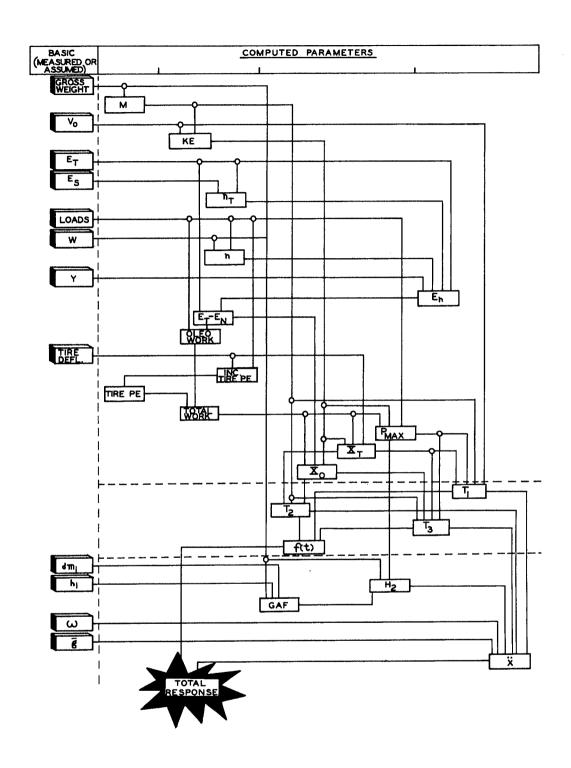
# TABLE 1-b





# Step VII. Variation of Basic Parameters:

- l. In this example many parameters were involved about twelve either previously measured or assumed and the others computed. Will it be possible to predict (without completely new computations) the effect on the final results caused by changing any of these parameters?
- 2. To facilitate this discussion, a flow chart (Table 1-c) of the computations is shown. Each parameter is oriented vertically by its order of convenient computation and horizontally according to the number of previous parameters which are used to compute this one. Lines emanating upward from any block lead to all of the other parameters which effect this one. The chart gives little if any quantitative help in particular cases.
  - 3. But the following general conclusions seem worthwhile:
- a. Change in a basic parameter has an intricate effect, and in many cases the best procedure is to recompute from scratch.
- b. There are a few parameters ( $\omega$ ,  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ , GAF) which effect only the <u>vibratory</u> response. The effect of altering any of these is rather easily predicted.
- c. The problem is conveniently considered in three stages (separated by broken horizontal lines in Table 1-c).
  - (1) Equating energies.
  - (2) The rigid-body trapezoid.
  - (3) Vibratory response and summation.
- 4. If many changes were contemplated in the first section, it may be profitable to solve the second and third sections only once in general terms, then plug in the particular numbers computed from Part I. See reference 10 for some computations on altering basic parameters.



# SECTION IV

# TAIL BOOM INCREMENTAL ACCELERATIONS OF AN F-61 AIRPLANE

This problem uses the parameters of landing eighteen of the AMC tests reported in reference 5. This particular landing is selected because the maximum rigid body vertical load is closest to the computed value.

# Step 1. Vertical Load Time History:

1. Basic airplane data:

Gross weight = 25,000 pounds (app.)

M = Mass per main gear = 388 slugs (2 wheel landing)

Vo = Rate of descent = 8 ft/sec (assumed)

W = Kinetic energy per gear = 12,400 ft-lbs

2. Basic oleo data:

Fr = Total extension \* = 10 in. = .833 ft

Es = Static extension \* = 2.87 in. = .239 ft.

Assuming isothermal expansion from static to fully extended position, the "load factor" at total extension =

$$n_{T} \cdot \frac{Es}{ET} = 0.287 \tag{79}$$

Then assuming quasi-adiabatic compression from the fully extended position during impact, the extension at any load factor "n" during impact is:

$$En = \frac{E\tau}{\left(\frac{n}{nr}\right)^{1/\gamma}} = E\tau \left(\frac{n_{\tau}}{n}\right)^{1/\gamma} \tag{80}$$

where  $77 = \log d/12500$  lbs and Y = 1.3.

<sup>\*</sup> Assuming latent air column = 0

5. Tire deflection, oleo deflection and load when kinetic energy per gear = total work:

Total Work (Ft-Lbs)	Load (Lbs)	Tire Deflection (Ft)	Oleo Deflection (Ft)
<b>8</b> 362	13000	.250	•523
KE =12400 PM	wx= 17302	$X_{r} = .290$	Xo = .573
16810	22000	•333	.627

6. The times for tire compression 76, oleo compression 77 and tire-oleo expansion 76r are determined from the formulas of reference 3.

$$T_T = \frac{3MV_0}{P_{MAX}} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{(6MV_0)^2}{P_{MAX}}} \frac{24MX_1}{P_{MAX}} = 0.03765ec$$
 (81)

$$T_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2MX_0}{P_{MAX}}} = 0.1603 \text{ Sec.}$$
 (82)

$$Tor = \sqrt{\frac{3M(Z_0 + Z_T)}{P_{MAX}}} = 0.2409 \, sec.$$
 (83)

<sup>\*3 = (</sup>Average load during increment) (deflection in increment)
Approximating the area under the tire curve by trapezoids

# Step II. Drag Load Time History

# 1. Basic parameters:

I<sub>A</sub> = moment of inertia of each landing gear rolling assembly = 12.3 slug ft<sup>2</sup>

 $R_{\rm p}$  = rolling radius of wheel = 1.65 ft.

 $V_{I}$  = landing speed = 147 ft/sec.

Tire coefficient of friction = 0.55 (assumed)

# 2. Computation:

$$\theta$$
 = angular velocity of wheel after (84) spin up =  $\frac{V_2}{R_R}$  =  $\frac{147}{1.05}$  rad/sec = 89.1 rad/sec

$$\theta_{T}$$
= angular velocity after tire compression = (85)  
 $\frac{0.55 \, P_{MAX} \, Ra \, Tr}{2 \, Ia}$  = 24.0 rad/sec.

Assuming (empirically) that peak drag load = .55 Pmax

$$\theta_0$$
 = angular velocity required for spin up during (86) oleo compression =  $\theta - \theta_T = 65.1$  rad/sec

 $T_{r} + T_{s} = \text{total spin up time} = .0886 \text{ sec.}$ 

$$7z$$
 = time to drop to zero drag load =  $\frac{7z + 7s}{4}$  (88)  
= .0221 sec. (Empirical formula)

# Step III. Important Modes

l. The vibratory acceleration of the tail boom is caused partially by the vertical load and partially by the drag load. It is assumed here that the vertical load acts directly to set up a vertical vibration in the tail at the natural frequency of the tail.

2. In order to determine the important vibratory modes set up by the drag load, the airplane is assumed to have the configuration shown in figures 4 and 5 with the three degrees of freedom illustrated.

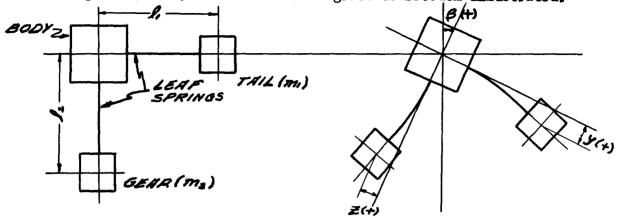


Fig. 4. Geometric Representation

Fig. 5. Positive Direction of Generalized Coordinates

Then (Lagrange's equation for zero external torque)

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{g}_{i}}\right) + \frac{\partial P}{\partial g_{i}} = 0 \tag{89}$$

$$g_{i} = \beta, y, \text{ or } Z$$

With:

$$K = \frac{1}{2} I \dot{\beta}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} m_{1} (l_{1} \dot{\beta} + \dot{y})^{2} + \frac{1}{2} m_{2} (l_{2} \dot{\beta} + \dot{z})^{2}$$
 (90)  

$$P = \frac{1}{2} m_{1} \omega_{1}^{2} Y^{2} + \frac{1}{2} m_{2} \omega_{2}^{2} Z^{2}$$

for which I is the moment of inertia of the body and  $\omega_{\star}$  and  $\omega_{z}$  are natural frequencies of tail and gear respectively.

Directly from (89) and (90)
$$(I + m_1 l_1^2 + m_2 l_2^2) \ddot{\beta} + m_1 l_1 \ddot{\beta} + m_2 l_2 \ddot{z} = 0$$

$$m_1 \ddot{y} + m_1 \omega_1^2 y + m_1 l_1 \ddot{\beta} = 0$$

$$m_2 \ddot{z} + m_2 \omega_2^2 Z + m_2 l_2 \ddot{\beta} = 0$$
(91)

These equations are unwieldy because they contain both the parameters  $\beta$  , Y , Z and their second derivatives  $\beta$  , Y , Z .

But the spring action is assumed simple harmonic motion. Then:

where  $\omega$ ; and  $\omega$ ; are constants and  $\omega$  is the response frequency of the system. The object is to determine the value of  $\omega$  for each of the possible modes of action.

Directly from (92):

$$\ddot{\beta} = -\omega^2 \beta \quad \ddot{\mathcal{Y}} = -\omega^2 \mathcal{Y} \quad \ddot{\mathcal{Z}} = -\omega^2 \mathcal{Z} \tag{93}$$

Rewriting (91) by substituting (93):

$$I_{\rho}\beta + m, l, y + m_{2} l_{2} Z = 0$$

$$l_{1}\beta + \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega_{1}}{\omega}\right)^{2}\right]y = 0$$

$$l_{2}\beta + \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega_{2}}{\omega}\right)^{2}\right]Z = 0$$

$$(94)$$

This system of three equations in the coordinates  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , z has all constant terms zero. Therefore it has only the trivial solution  $\beta = \gamma = z = 0$  unless the determinant of the coefficients of  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , z is zero. That is:

$$\begin{cases}
I_{\rho} & m, l, & m_{z} l_{z} \\
l, & \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega_{z}}{\omega}\right)^{2}\right] & 0 \\
l_{z} & 0 & \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega_{z}}{\omega}\right)^{2}\right]
\end{cases} = 0 \tag{95}$$

The only parameter unknown in (95) is  $\omega$  . For the F-61 airplane, the other parameters have the values (for the complete airplane)

$$I_{\rho} = \frac{1.11 \times 10^6}{g} \text{ ft}^2 \text{ slugs}$$

$$m_{\rho} = \frac{650}{g} \text{ slugs} \qquad m_{2} = \frac{700}{g} \text{ slugs}$$

$$\omega_{\rho} = \omega_{2} = 47.1 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$L_{\rho} = 24 \text{ ft} \qquad L_{Z} = 7.7 \text{ ft}$$

Expanding (95) and solving for  $\omega$  gives two solutions, and corresponding values of the ratios  $\frac{\beta}{y}$ ,  $\frac{z}{y}$ . These are:

$$\frac{1 \text{st Coupled Mode}}{\omega = \omega_1 = 47.1 \text{ rad/sec.}} \frac{2 \text{nd Coupled Mode}}{\omega = \omega_2} \frac{2 \text{nd Coupled Mode}}{\omega = \omega_1 = 47.1 \text{ rad/sec.}} \frac{2 \text{nd Coupled Mode}}{\omega = \omega_2} \frac{2 \text{nd Coupled Mode}}{\sqrt{\frac{T_B}{T_B} - m_1 I_1^2 - m_2 I_2^2}} \frac{59.56 \text{ rad/sec}}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{96}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{96}} \frac{1$$

Step IV. Generalized Acceleration Factors.

1. For the vertical load:

$$GHF = \frac{(17302) \left(-\frac{650}{24350}\right)}{\frac{650}{29}(1)^2 + \frac{24350}{29}\left(-\frac{650}{24350}\right)^2} = -1.3843(97-a)$$

per foot of tail deflection.

2. For the drag load:

a. In the first mode:

$$GAF = \frac{(0.55)(17302)(-2.895)}{\frac{6}{3}52(1)^2} = -8.4449$$

$$(97-b)$$

per foot of tail deflection.

b. In the second mode:

Tail deflection = 1 ft =  $y + \mathcal{L}_{1}\beta$ 

Thus gear deflection =  $Z + I_2 \beta = .3208$  ft.

And  $\beta = -.02497$  rad.

So that: 
$$GAF = \frac{(0.55)(17302)(a3208)}{\left(\frac{694097}{29}\right)(0.02497)^2 + \frac{650}{29}(1)^2 + \frac{700}{29}(0.3208)^2} = \frac{5.2819}{(97-c)}$$

per foot of tail deflection

Step V. Vibratory Acceleration Response.

1. Since the mode for the vertical load has the same frequency as the first mode for drag load, the two rigid body forcing functions can be combined into one trapezoidal forcing function as shown in Figure 6.

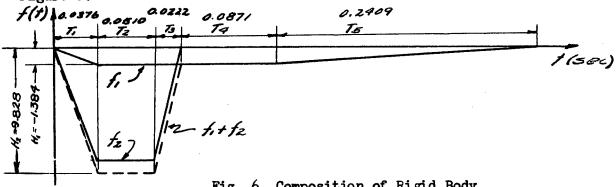


Fig. 6 Composition of Rigid Body Forcing Functions

The response to this function is computed in table 2-a.

- 2. The response in the second mode due to drag load is computed in table 2-b.
- Step VI. Total Acceleration Time History.
  - 1. The total acceleration is the sum of:
- a. Rigid body response to vertical load. This and all other components of the final response are nondimensionalized in units of 1/2 airplane weight. Thus the maximum value of the rigid body response will be scaled as  $\frac{1/3.02}{12.500} = 1.384$
- b. Rigid body response to drag load. The maximum value is determined from the definition of torque:

Torque = 
$$(.55)$$
 (17302) (7.7) ft-lbs

But: Torque = 
$$I = (1.11 \times 10^6)$$
 [Max. vertical acceleration/24] ft lbs So:

Max vertical acceleration =  $\frac{(.55)(17302)(7.7)(24)}{(1.11)(10^{6})/2}$  g = 3.169 g (98)

- c. Vibratory responses to vertical and drag loads.
- 2. All the above components are summed and compared with experimental results in figure 7.

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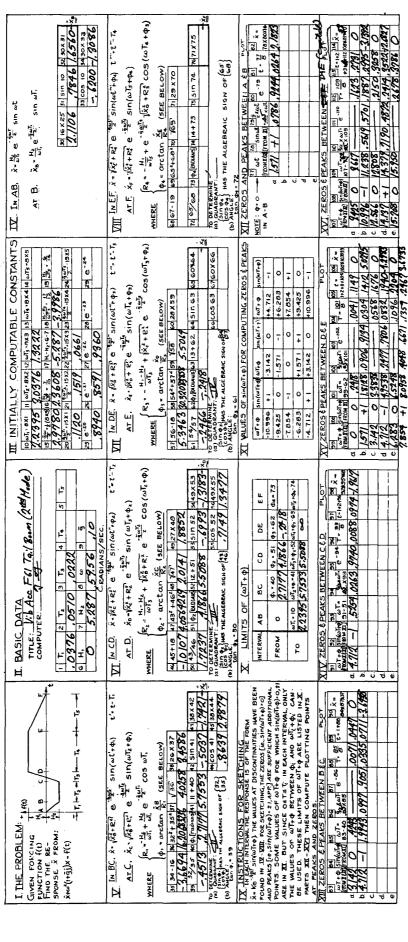
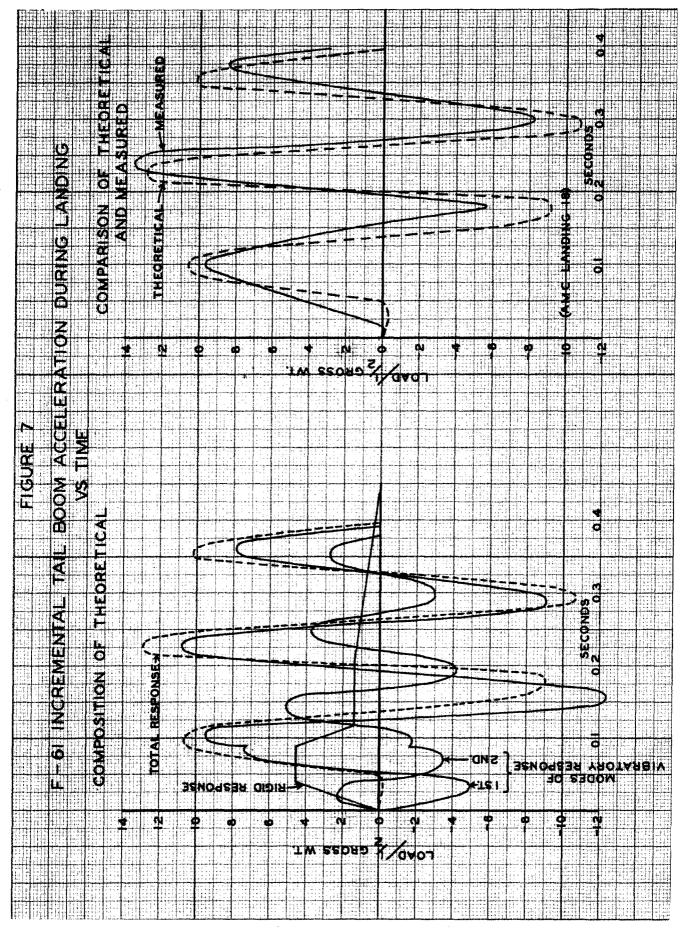


TABLE 2-b



#### SECTION V

# B-17G LANDING GEAR DRAG LOAD (NORMAL TO STRUT)

Parameters are taken from landing number 1 of flight 3 of the B-17G landing load tests of AMC, reported in reference 6.

This example is a particularly good criteria of the accuracy of the predictions based on the trapezoidal theory, because Vowas actually measured.

### Step I. Vertical Load Time History:

### 1. Basic airplane data:

Gross weight = 48,137 pounds

M = Mass per main gear = 750 slugs (two wheel landing)

W = Static load per gear = 21,775 lbs (3 point position)

Vo = Rate of descent = 7 ft/sec (measured)

KE = Kinetic energy per gear =18,380 ft-1bs

ω = Natural frequency of gear fore and aft = 73.2 rad/sec (measured from landing records)

### 2. Basic oleo data:

Er = Total extension + latent air column = (9.6 + 1.56) in. = .930 ft.

= Static extension + latent air column = (1.44 + 1.56) in. =
.250 ft.

Assuming isothermal expansion from static to fully loaded position, the "load factor" at total extension =

$$D_T = \frac{E_S}{E_T} = 0.2688$$
 (99)

Then assuming quasi-adiabatic compression from the fully extended position during impact, the extension at any load factor "n" during impact is:

$$E_{n} = \frac{E_{T}}{\left(\frac{n}{n_{T}}\right)^{1/\chi}} = E_{T} \left(\frac{n_{T}}{n}\right)^{1/\chi} \tag{100}$$

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where  $\pi = \frac{1}{3}$  = load/21,775 lbs and  $\gamma = 1.3$  (assumed).

# 3. Basic tire data:

<b>Ø</b>	<b>②</b>	3	✐
Load (Lbs)	Tire Deflection (Ft)	Incremental Tire Work * (Ft-lbs)	Tire Work = ∑③ (Ft-Lbs)
10000	•160	800	800
15000	.223	792	1592
20000	.283	1050	2642
25000	•337	1219	3861

4. Total Work:

Ø	<b>©</b>	Ø	<b>③</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>@</b>
7.	nr = 0.26	26 ( <u>nr</u> ) 1/2 6 4	1.3 (-(2)	Er-En	OLEO WX.	WORK
77 = 1775	n (g	( <del>7</del> /*•	<i>/-W</i>	0.930.8	$\mathcal{O} \cdot \mathfrak{G}$	<b>4</b>
.4592	.5854	.8339	.1661	.1545	15 <b>45</b>	2345
.6889	•3902	•4849	.5151	.4790	7185	8777
.9185	.2927	•3886	.6114	<b>.</b> 5686	11372	14014
1.1481	.2341	•3273	.6727	<b>.</b> 625 <b>6</b>	15640	19501

5. Tire deflection, oleo deflection and load when kinetic energy per gear = total work:

Total Work (Ft-Lbs)	Load (Lbs)	Tire Deflection (Ft)	Oleo Deflection (Ft)
14014	20000	.283	•569
KE = 18380 F	MAX = 23978	$X_r = .326$	Zo = .614
19501	25000	•337	.626

6. The times for tire compression  $\mathcal{T}_r$  oleo compression  $\mathcal{T}_o$  and tire-cleo expansion  $\mathcal{T}_{or}$  are determined from the formulas of reference 3.

<sup>\*3 = (</sup>average load during increment) (deflection in increment) (Approximating the area under the tire curve by trapezoids)

$$T_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2MX_0}{P_{MAX}}} = 0.1968 \text{ sec.}$$
 (102)

$$Tor = \sqrt{\frac{3M(X_0 + X_T)}{P_{MAX}}} = 0.2970 \text{ Sec.}$$
 (103)

# Step II. Drag Load Time History:

## 1. Basic parameters:

In = moment of inertia of each landing gear rolling assembly = 31.23 slug ft<sup>2</sup>

RR = rolling radius of wheel = 1.942 ft.

 $V_2$  = landing speed = 147 ft/sec.

Tire coefficient of friction = .55 (assumed)

### 2. Computation:

$$\theta$$
 = angular velocity of wheel after spin up =  $\frac{V_2}{R_R}$  =  $\frac{147}{1.942}$  rad/sec = 75.70 rad/sec.

$$\theta_o$$
 = angular velocity for spin up during oleo (106) compression =  $\theta - \theta_T$  = 56.02 rad/sec

7s = duration of skid during oleo compression = (107)
$$\frac{\theta_0 IA}{0.55 PMAX RR} = .0683 sec.$$

Tr + Ts = total spin up time = .1167 sec.

### Step III. Important Modes:

The first mode only, (frequency = natural frequency of gear fore and aft = 73.2 rad/sec) is assumed to be excited by the vertical load component normal to the strut and by the drag load component normal to the strut.

## Step IV. Generalized Acceleration Factor of Vibratory Response:

l. It will first be shown that it is not necessary to compute the vibratory response to the normal component of vertical load and the vibrating response to the normal component of drag load separately. Rather the entire vibratory response can be computed from a "double" trapezoid combination of the two forcing functions. Consider:

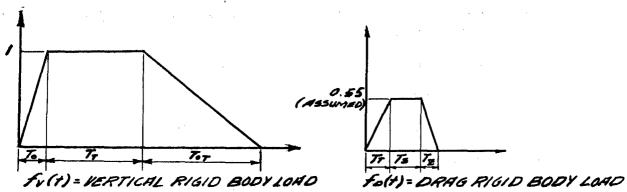


Fig. 8. Time Histories of Vertical Load and of Drag Load in Units of

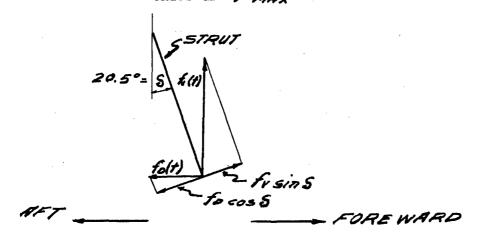


Fig. 9. Load Normal to Strut at Time t
Due to Vertical Load and Drag Load

2. Thus the load normal to the strut due to rigid body motion is:

$$Q_R(t) = \sin \delta \cdot f_L(t) - \cos \delta \cdot f_B(t) \qquad (109)$$

3. It is therefore possible to consider a combined function to represent rigid body acceleration and as forcing function for the vibratory acceleration:

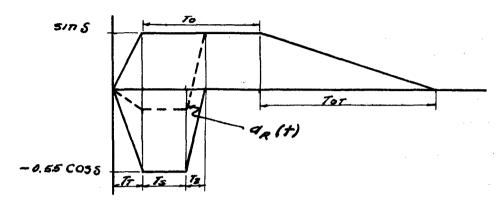


Fig. 10. The Composition of the Trapezoidal Forcing Function

- 4. In Examples I and II the vibratory acceleration  $\ddot{X}$  and rigid body acceleration F(r) are found and added to find the total acceleration response.
- 5. But in this example the structural force rather than the total acceleration is to be computed. That is, in this example find structural force normal to the struct at the axle due to a one-foot vertical deflection of the axle. Writing equation (1) with dx = ft:

$$(\Xi_{c_i}^2 dm_i)\ddot{x} + (\Xi_{c_i}^2 m_i)\omega^2 (l + \bar{g}_j) X = (\Xi_{c_i} f_i) \cdot F(f)$$
 (110 where:  $(\Xi_{c_i}^2 m_i)\omega^2 (l + \bar{g}_j) X$  is the required structural force  $(\Xi_{c_i}^2 m_i) \ddot{X}$  is the inertial force  $(\Xi_{c_i}^2 f_i) \cdot F(f)$  is the external force

Then \*: Structural force =  $(\mathbf{z}_{ci}f_i)\cdot F(t) - (\mathbf{z}_{ci}^2m_i)\ddot{\mathbf{x}}$  (111)

But  $\sum C_i f_i = P_{MAX}$  and X is obtained in terms of  $\frac{\sum C_i f_i}{(\sum C_i^2 m_i)} f(t)$ Therefore  $\sum C_i^2 m_i$  can be eliminated from equation (111).  $(\sum C_i^2 m_i)$ 

- 6. It is clear that the generalized acceleration factor does not appear as such.
- 7. Using the "double" trapezoid derived above, the right side of equation (110) is already scaled relative to  $P_{\rm max}$ . In the computation of Table 3, the ordinate of the trapezoid will be multiplied by  $\frac{P_{\rm max}}{1/2~{\rm Airplane~Weight}}$  so that the structural force is finally non-dimensionalized in units of 1/2 airplane weight.

### Step V. Vibratory Acceleration Response:

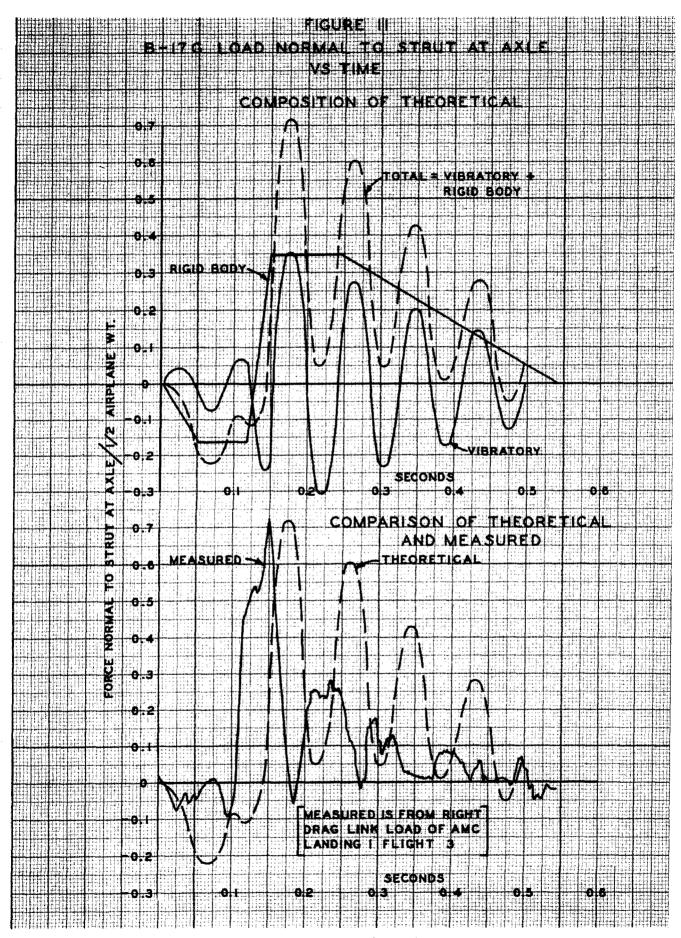
Table 3 computes the vibratory response by the desk-calculator method.

# Step VI. Total Acceleration Time History:

The final dimensionless result of Force normal to strut at axle One-half weight of airplane is composed and compared with experimental results in Figure 11. The experimental force normal to the strut at the axle was computed from the measured drag link load by taking a summation of moments about the top of the strut assuming the oleo to be fully extended.

<sup>\*</sup> Of course the differential equation (5) could be solved this time for X rather than X, but it is convenient to utilize the methods of Section II.

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